
Title: The Story of Mondain

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As told in the Book of
Lore :

At the time British arrived [in Sosaria], a native lad was growing up in Sosaria, being trained in the ways of sorcery. He was a moody youth, given to sudden rages and fits of despondency. To offset the latter, he would take his dagger into the woods and hunt, leaving his prey to rot where they fell. He would return to his manor restored, strong in the confirmation of his power over life and death.

His name was Mondain, and Mondain's strange ways were a constant worry to his father, a busy, much respected mage. When Mondain was fifteen, his father took a stand.

"Thou shalt take a year off from magic, Mondain," his father

said. "to improve thine
abilities and develop
thy virtues. I have
arranged for thee to
live with the brothers
in the abbey, where
thou shalt practice
compassion and
humility. "Learn thy
lessons well, my son,
and this ruby gem,
which harnesses the
power of the sun,
shall be thine."

Mondain said nothing.
The next night he
slew his father and
took the gem, for he
was ready for power
and his father was in
the way.

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But the time was not
quite ripe, for the
widespread evil was
beginning to take a
tremendous toll.
Something new was
needed, thought
British. He absently
reached for the silver
serpent he wore about
his neck. Touching it
in contemplation, he
envisioned the kind of
hero Sosaria needed to
deal with Mondain.

Within days, a
stranger arrived in
Sosaria. With utter
devotion to truth and
good, the stranger
grew into a hero
capable of facing
Mondain. Eventually,
the heroic stranger
found the malevolent
gem and destroyed it,
along with its creator.
With Mondain's
destruction, the
forces of evil began to
wane.